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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

SD&T Dept. – Allegations of Corruption and acquisition of assets disproportionate to the known sources of Income against Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana, Additional Director (retired), O/o the Director, Employment & Training, Govt. ITI Campus, Vijayawada- Sanction of Prosecution – Orders- Issued..

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SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING (E&T.A1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.61 , **Dated:20-3-2024**

Read the following:

1)From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, letter, Rc. No.07/RCA-CIU-TCT/2017, dt.10-10-2022

2) From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, letter, Rc. No.07/RCA-CIU-TCT/2017, dt.10-4-2023

3) Govt.Memo.No. 162769/456415/Ims&Vig./2017,dated:.23-2-2024

4) Rc.No.07/RCA-CIU-TCT/2017, dt. -3-2024 from the DG, ACB, Vijayawada

ORDER:-

Whereas, Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana, S/o Venkata Muni, Additional Director (retired) , O/o the Director, Employment & Training, Government ITI campus, Vijayawada joined in Government service on 12.01.1987 as Group Instructor in Govt. ITI, Chittoor. He was promoted as Principal and posted to Govt ITI, Tada in 1997. He was promoted as Asst. Director and posted to HOD, BRKR Bhavan, Hyderabad in 2001. He was promoted as Deputy Director and posted to Regional Office, Kakinada. Later he was promoted as Joint Director in the year 2011 and posted to HOD, BRKR Bhavan, Hyderabad. By the date of searches he was working as Joint Director, O/o Commissioner, Employment and Training, Govt. ITI campus, Vijayawada and by the virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of "public servant as defined under Sec.2 (c) of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988.

2) And whereas, basing on the source report and upon the instructions of the Joint Director (A), ACB, AP, Vijayawada vide proceedings vide RC. No. 01/ACB- JD (A)/RCA/2017, Dt. 03.01.2017, a case in Cr.No. 01/RCA-ACB-CIU-VJA/2017 U/s 13(2) r/w 13(1) (e) of P.C. Act 1988 was registered on 04-01-2017 against Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana, Joint Director, Employment & Training, A.P., Vijayawada for having possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income and investigated into. During the course of investigation, search warrants were obtained and searches were conducted on 07.01.2017 and 08.01.2017 at the residential house of Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana and other places. During searches, necessary incriminating documents and materials pertaining to Sri G. Muni Venkata Narayana and his dependent family members were seized in the presence of mediators at the respective places under cover of Search Proceedings.

3) And whereas the check period for the purpose of the investigation is taken from 08.03.2002 to 07.01.2017 i.e., from the date of purchase of first immovable property to the date of simultaneous searches.

4) And whereas the assets found and the documents seized during the course of investigation discloses prima facie case u/s 13(2) r/w 13(1)(e) of PC Act 1988 which warranted the arrest of Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana on 08.01.2017 who was produced before the Hon'ble court of Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Nellore, for remand him to Judicial Custody. Based on the material available on the record, the Spl.Court remanded him to Judicial Custody and later he was enlarged on bail. The DSP, ACB, Tirupati took up further investigation. During further investigation, he addressed letters to the Government Organizations, Semi Governmental Organizations, Public Sector undertakings, Banks, Private Organizations and relevant authorities in connection with Assets, Income and Expenditure of Sri G. Muni Venkata Narayana and his dependent family members, and also examined materials witnesses and scrutinized them.

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5) And Whereas, the investigation disclosed that Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana was in possession of total assets in his name and in the name of his dependent family members was arrived at Rs.2,66,70,788/-; the total income derived by Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana was arrived at Rs.1,89,51,930/-: the total expenditure made by Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana arrived at Rs.3,22,23,442/-. Whereas Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana incurred excess expenditure of Rs. 1,32,71,512/-. Thus, Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana was in possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income worth of Rs.3,99,42,300/- for which Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana cannot satisfactorily account for and this leads to the irresistible conclusion that he had acquired the aforesaid assets by corrupt and illegal means. Notice was served to Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana on 17.03.2018 offering his explanation by mentioning the details of Assets, Income, Expenditure and Disproportionate of Assets acquired by him for which he has not submitted his explanation. Reminder Notices Dt.19.04.2018 and 13.06.2018 respectively were served on him. Finally, Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana has submitted his explanation on 03.08.2018 which is not satisfactory in the light of facts and evidence collected during the course of investigation.

6) And whereas, the aforesaid said acts of Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana, Joint Director, Employment and Training, A.P., Vijayawada constitute the offence punishable under Section 13 (2) r/w 13(1)(e) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

7) And Whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana, Joint Director, O/o the Commissioner, Employment & Training, A.P., Vijayawada, after fully and carefully examining the material i.e., copy of FIR, Final Investigation Report, Copies of Inventory proceedings, other documents, statements of witnesses and explanation of Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana, Joint Director, O/o the Commissioner, Employment & Training, A.P., Vijayawada placed before with regard to the said allegations and circumstances of the case and consider that Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana, Joint Director, Employment and Training, A.P., Vijayawada should be prosecuted in a court of law for the said offences.

8) Now, therefore in exercise of the powers conferred under Clause (b) of Subsection (1) of Section 19 of PC Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh, hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of the said Sri Gopuram Muni Venkata Narayana, Additional Director (retired), O/o the Commissioner, Employment and Training, A.P., Vijayawada for the aforesaid offences punishable Under Section 13 (2) r/w 13(1) (e) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S. SURESH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECREETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To:
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Vijaywada.
Copy to:
The SD&T(OP) Dept., AP Secretariat.
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